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1. The Parachute Sport Club (Sokolsti parasutisti) was organized about 1949 and was composed of civilians (male and female) who had volunteered for paratroop training. Although organized as a sport club, the plan was to use its members in military paratroop units in the event of war. Training was conducted under the supervision of military paratroop units, and club members used the uniforms, parachutes, and equipment of the Czechoslovak paratroopers. Club members wore a cloth identification patch. [redacted] the word SOKOL was on this patch [redacted]

[redacted] Physical and mental examinations were required prior to acceptance as members. Age requirements were 16 to 27 for females, and draft age (approximately 19 to 20) for males. Former service men were also accepted as members. During the summers of 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1952, [redacted]

[redacted] the Parachute Sport Club in the Mimon (5039N-1444E) area. The club in this area undertook training in a temporary camp established approximately 300m. southwest of Mimon. The summer training lasted for two months. Approximately 70 members were in training during the two-month periods. DS-3 type aircraft from the military airfield at Mimon were used. Wooden guns were used for training, and "air guns" which fired "pellets" were used for target practice. The Sport Club worked in close conjunction with Doslet, the flying club.

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2. Doslet was a flying club which was formerly known as the Aero Club. The designation Doslet became effective in either 1951 or 1952. Flying training was conducted under the supervision and instruction of Czech Air Force personnel. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] light aircraft and gliders were used. Upon completion of training, members could volunteer for Air Force flying training and if accepted, bypassed the preliminary phase of cadet training at Dolny Kubin /4912N-1918E/, Olomouc, or Presov, and began cadet training in the third phase of regular military flying training at either Piestany /4837N-1750E/ or Zvoleň /4838N-1908E/.

3. [REDACTED] partisan training activity took place in Maichovo Hradiste /5032N-1459E/ in 1952. The trainees were persons around 16 years old and older. [REDACTED] the training [REDACTED] was under the supervision of soldiers from Turnov /5035N-1510E/. Former partisans who fought against the Germans in World War II were utilized as instructors for the partisan training. The training consisted of hand to hand fighting, sabotage, and survival techniques. [REDACTED]

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